

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2016  
Commons Panorama  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Beth Hendrix for B. Hunter	X	Alistair Smith
X	Ayobami Adegbite	X	Jill Johnson	X	Karen Trebitz
X	Julie Amador - phone		Scott Minnich	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jeff Bailey	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Elowyn Yager - phone
X	Laura Holyoke	X	Sandra Reineke	X	Ata Zadehgo

- I. Approval of the minutes from November 16, 2016
- Turner-Rahman moved to approve. Seconded by Trebitz. Approved unanimously.
- II. Announcements and reports
- A. TA Salaries
- McMurtry talked about the Oklahoma State Study that is conducted every year. He handed out charts which compared average UI TA/RA stipends with the OK State study. He asked councilmembers to take this data back to their departments as an informational piece.
- B. Awards for Excellence
- McMurtry asked Council to distribute Awards for Excellence information to the faculty in their colleges.
  - He encouraged them to nominate outstanding students for these awards.
- C. COGS Spring Events
1. Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition – Tuesday, April 11
    - McMurtry announced this will also be open to Masters students this year. Last year it was open only to Doctoral candidates.
  2. Innovation Showcase – Thursday, April 13
- III. Discussion Items
- A. M.A. / M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies Catalog Language
- There is a need to get descriptions into the catalog for interdisciplinary programs.
  - McMurtry distributed draft catalog language for discussion.
  - He estimated there is currently 6 students in Interdisciplinary Masters programs with about 2-3 applicants each year.
  - He reviews the study plan that is submitted with the application and makes sure that it is rigorous.
  - Q & A:  
-“No more than six credits, in total, of directed study, special topics, or seminar will be allowed” Johnson asked if the intent is to limit number of INTR courses or all directed studies and stated six seems too low on directed study/special courses.

-Murdoch suggested maybe 10 credits would be good. That would allow students to get a few credits in each discipline.

-Reineke: Which college/program gets credit for the student/degree?

McMurtry: The major professor's department gets the credit. The student goes with the major professor.

-McMurtry said he wants to make this degree special and distinct, not a "Masters of Miscellaneous" consolation degree.

- This will be brought back to a future meeting for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Future Meetings:

February 1 – Commons Horizon

March 1 – Commons Aurora

April 5 – Commons Aurora

April 26 – Commons Panorama

May 10 – Commons Crest

All meetings are at 3:30 p.m. Pacific.